



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Masato TAKITA et al.

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE BASED ON DUMMY-CELL METHOD

Group Art Unit: 2818

Examiner: Trong Phan

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

**Introductory Comments**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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June 23, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.